INSTRVCTIONS

Agreed on by a

COMMITTEE

Of the

Lords and Commons for the Committee for Sequeſtration of Delinquents eſtates.

Alſo,

An Order of the Commons Aſſembled in Parliament, concerning Perſons that ſhall come from *Oxford*, or any part of the KINGS Army to *London*, without warrant from both Houſes of Parliament, or from his Excellency the Earl of *Eſſex*, ſhall be apprehended as Spyes, and proceeded againſt according to the Rules of Warre.

Ordered by the Commons Aſſembled in Parliament, That this be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Hen: Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Instructions for the Committee for Sequestration of Delinquents Estates.

1. YOu are to use your best care & diligence for the speedy execution of the Ordinance here with sent you for Sequestration of Delinquents Estates, a being a matter of great necessity and importance, for the subsistance of the Army raised by the Parliament, and great affaires of the Commonwealth.

2. You are to cause the same Ordinance, and the other Order for restraining of the tenants and others from paying their Rents and other dues to the said Delinquents, to be forthwith published in all Markets, and other convenient places within your severall Counties and Divisions

3. You are to meet, and divide your selves into severall limits, and to appoint some times and places of further meeting as shall be most convenient, & to call before you or any two or more of you at such meetings, all such Officers & other persons as you shall think fit, and give them in charge the effect of the said Ordinance, and thereby, and by all good wayes and means to enquire and informe your selves of all the particulars therein contained; and where you finde any doubt concerning any person; whether he be comprehended within the said Ordinance,

you are to certifie the ſame to the Committee of Lords and Commons for this ſervice, and in the mean time to ſecure the Eſtates of ſuch perſons, untill you ſhall receive further Directions.

4. Where (after theſe words in the Ordinance, Such as have voluntarily contributed, or ſhall voluntarily contribute) theſe words do follow, viz. Not being under the power of any part of the Kings Army at the time of ſuch contributing; you are not to underſtand thoſe latter words of ſuch as have willingly drawn, or conſented to the drawing in of any ſuch power, or have willingly ſubmitted themſelves thereunto.

5. You are to call before you the ſeverall Tenants, and other perſons by whom any Rents, ſummes of Money, debts, or other duties are owing to the ſaid Delinquents or any of them, and ſet them a day for payment thereof, and to ſuch Tenants as ſhall willingly yeeld conformity to the ſaid Ordinance; you ſhall abate ſo much of their rack Rents where the lands are ſet at an improved value, and not otherwiſe; as you ſhall think fit, according to their ſeverall conditions and neceſſities, not exceeding a fourth part of ſuch improved Rents.

6. You are to ſeize two parts of the eſtates both reall and perſonall, of all Papiſts (as they are Papiſts) and the whole eſtates of all other ſorts of Delinquents mentioned in the ſaid Ordinance, whether they be Papiſts or others; and you are to underſtand by two parts of Papiſts Eſtates, two of their whole Lands, and two of their Goods and perſonall eſtate in three to be devided.

7. Upon the ſeizure of the Goods, Chattells, or perſonall eſtates of any the ſaid Delinquents, you are to cauſe an appraiſement thereof to be made by indifferent perſons

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and a true Inventory thereof to be taken, & to convey the ſame Goods into ſome ſafe place, or places within the County or elſewhere, there to be kept until they may conveniently be ſold; and you are to ſell the ſame or cauſe them to be ſold at as great Rates as you can, with all convenient expedition, and in the Market where conveniently it may be.

8. You have power to let all or any the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of any the ſayd Delinquents, from yeer to yeer, to ſuch tenants as you ſhall think fit, and for ſuch reaſonable Rents as you can get, unleſſe you can otherwiſe employ the ſame to better advantages.

9. You are to appoint Collectors for the receiving of all Rents, profits, ſums of money, debts, and other duties due or owing to the ſaid Delinquents, or any of them, allotting the eſtate of any one or more of the ſayd Delinquents, to the charge of one or more Collector or Collectors, as ſhall be moſt convenient; and the ſaid Collectors are to ſend up the ſums by them collected, together with a ſchedule of the receipts and payments, (keeping a duplicate thereof) to the Treaſurers which ſhall be appointed by both Houſes for that ſervice; wherein the ſaid Collectors, or ſuch as they ſhall ſend up the money by, are firſt to attend the ſaid Committee of Lords and Commons for their directions herein, and to be very carefull in the ſafe conveying of the ſaid money.

10. Every Collector is to have ſuch allowance for his pains & charges as you ſhall think fit, not exceeding three pence in every pound; and every one that ſhall be appointed a Solicitor by the ſaid Lords and Commons to ſee this Ordinance put in execution, is to have for his charges and pains therein, ſix pence in every pound, and every

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other person which shall be necessarily employed in or about the said service, is to have such allowances, as you or any two of you or more shall think fit, and your selves are to be allowed such recompence for your charge and pains in this service, as shall be approved of by the Committee of Lords and Commons.

11. You are to keep books and Registers of all such monys, receipts, profits, and other part of the said Delinquents estates as shall come to your hands, and of all your receiptr & payments, and to be accomptable for the same to both Houses of Parliament, or such as they shall appoint.

12. You are to take care for the safe keeping of the Deeds, Evidences, and writings of the said Delinquents, and for preserving of their Houses, Timber-trees and Fruit-trees from waste and destruction.

13. In all other particulars concerning this businesse you are to be guided and directed by the said Ordinance, wherein you shall conceive any doubt, you are to certifie the same to the Committee of Lords and Commons for this service, whereupon you shall receive such further direction in that behalfe, as shall be fit.

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An Order of the Commons Assembled in Parliament, concerning persons that shall come from *Oxford*, or any part of the Kings army to *London*, without warrant from both Houses of Parliament, or from his Excellency the Earle of Essex.

Die Lunæ 10. *April*, 1643.

IT is this day Ordered by the Commons Assembled in Parliament, That whatsoever person shall come from *Oxford*, or any part of the Kings Army to London or any parts adjacent, or to any other part of the Army under the command of the Earle of Essex, or to any Fort or Court of Guard, kept by the Authority of both Houses of Parliament, without the warrant of both Houses of Parliament, or of the Lord Generall the Earl of Essex; Shall apprehen-

prehended as Spies and Intelligencers, and bee proceeded againſt according to the rules and grounds of War. And it is further ordered, That the like care be taken by Water for the apprehending of the perſons aforeſaid; And all Captains of Guards, and officers, and all other perſons are required, to be very diligent in apprehending the ſayd perſons. And it is further ordered, That this order be Printed and publiſhed, and ſent to the ſeverall Courts of Guard both by Water and Land.

Hen: Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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